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WARTIME PROHIBITION HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

SUPREME COURT GIVES DECISION UPHOLDING LAW

Bitter Fight of Liquor Interests to Have Act Set Aside Meets Final Defeat as Result of Ruling of High Court Tribunal

WAR NOT YET ENDED

Only Proclamation of Peace Can Let Down Bars on Liquor and Constitutional Prohibition Comes Soon

Washington, December 15.—The wartime prohibition is constitutional, the supreme court today decided. Prohibition of the new wartime constitutional peace is proclaimed or declared.

The decision of the nation's highest tribunal, which has been expectantly awaited for several weeks, is a victory for prohibition, and the decision is important. It means that millions of inhabitants of the country now stored throughout the country, and valued at \$1,000,000,000, will be nearly a total loss unless peace is proclaimed before constitutional prohibition becomes effective.

War Not Ended

The court held that the provision of the wartime prohibition act stating that prohibition shall end at the conclusion of the war can have no other meaning than that the act shall remain in force until the proclamation of peace.

Because of the decree the country will lose \$40,000,000 in revenue from whisky alone unless the ban is lifted before January 16, 1920, when constitutional prohibition becomes effective.

Justice Brandeis, deviating from the usual custom of the court, did not keep the large crowd in suspense until after the reading of the opinion before announcing his final decision, but announced immediately that the decision of the Louisville court is reversed and that of the New York court affirmed.

The Points at Issue

The four contentions of the liquor interests which the court swept aside in its leaving a legal foundation were:

1. That the wartime prohibition law deprived citizens of their property without just compensation in violation of the fifth amendment to the constitution.

2. That it has become void through cessation of hostilities.

3. That it was repealed by the provision of the constitutional amendment allowing liquor interests a year in which to dispose of their stocks.

4. That it expired with the termination of demobilization.

Court Answers Claims

Answering the first contention, the court held that the liquor interests cannot expect the government to compensate them. The decision indicated that the court thinks the period between the time wartime prohibition was passed, November 21, 1918, and the date it went into effect, July 1, 1919, was ample for the disposition of the surplus stock. In addition it pointed out that the liquor can be exported. Regarding whether the wartime emergency has passed, the court held that the statement of the president that the war is over does not constitute a proclamation of peace. Neither has demobilization been completed, the court held, referring to the statement of Secretary of War Baker on December 1 that the army was then 94 per cent demobilized.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN FAIR NETS BIG SUM

Net profits of \$13,600.59 were shown at the annual meeting of the Northern Wisconsin State Fair association held at Chippewa Falls. The greater part will be used to improve the grounds. Total gate receipts for fair week amounted to \$23,181.45. On July 4 the association netted \$3,067. The state aid amounted to \$4,320.64 and this year's allotment will bring it to \$5,000.

LINWOOD MAN FINED FOR OBSTRUCTING WALK

George Schlobotom was arrested by Chief of Police John S. Hofsoos Thursday for obstructing the sidewalk on North Third street. He left a bay press machine across the sidewalk for several hours. When arraigned in municipal court he entered a plea of guilty and was assessed \$2.50, which paid.

BIG CUT IN MILEAGE

Continuation of train service on the Northwestern system has resulted in the elimination of 14,869 train miles per day.

MERCURY DROPS TO 21

Coldest Weather of the Winter Sunday Night—Figures on Past Decembers

A new cold weather record for this winter was established on Sunday night when the thermometer registered 21 below zero, one degree colder than any other day this month or last. At 9 o'clock this morning it was 19 below and a cold west wind kept pedestrains moving rapidly to keep warm.

Back in 1914 the first cold weather came on November 19, when two below was recorded. For 13 consecutive days following December 1, 1914, the mercury went below zero during each 24 hour period, with 32 below on December 26 as the coldest.

In 1915 reverse weather conditions existed. There were only three days in December of that year when the mercury failed to go below the zero mark. There were 12 consecutive days when below zero weather was recorded with 29 below on the 21st as the coldest.

December 1917, bringing more cold again, with only two days in the entire month when the mercury failed to go below the zero mark. There were 12 consecutive days when below zero weather was recorded with 29 below on the 21st as the coldest.

On December 1918, it was below on the 5th, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 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TEST OF LOYALTY STILL A FACTOR

Petitioners for Naturalization Must Have Evidence They Stood by the Nation During the War

NINE GRANTED FINAL PAPERS

Three Soldiers Among New Citizens— Three Petitions Continued and One Dismissed

Proof of loyalty to the United States during the long period of hostilities against the central powers is still demanded of applicants for citizenship. This fact was made apparent Thursday afternoon, when a hearing on petitions for naturalization, postponed from December 11 because of inability of the federal government to have a representative here at that time, was held in circuit court for Portage county.

The hearing was conducted by George N. Danielson, United States naturalization examiner, with headquarters at St. Paul. Mr. Danielson, who formerly resided in Stevens Point and at Appleton, came here on special assignment, this county not being embraced in his regular territory. While here he approved of the applications of nine men, who were granted final papers. One petition was dismissed for non-appearance of the petitioner and three continued.

Loyalty Is Test

It was obvious all through the hearing that loyalty was the main test in determining the qualifications for citizenship of the petitioners. Not only did Mr. Danielson ask the petitioners questions bearing upon their war records, but Judge B. B. Park, manifesting keen interest from the bench in the proceedings, insisted on every applicant proving his loyalty. He asked several of the applicants pointed questions and in one instance particularly his familiarity with local events during the period of hostilities helped materially in clearing up a questionable

Witnesses Under Fire

When Mieczlaw Fabich, a young farmer of the town of Stockton, was called before Mr. Danielson for examination and after Mr. Danielson had questioned him at some length, Judge Park brought out the fact that Fabich's two witnesses, Jacob Mansavage, Jr., and Joseph Mansavage, had some connection with Frank Balcer, alleged to have been a German propagandist, who was arrested in Portage county early in the war for many Liberty bonds did you buy?" attempting to incite Polish residents of the county against war, under the

guise of a religious teacher, and who was later sent to prison on a federal charge. The two Mansavages, the judge said and they admitted, had gone on Balcer's hand after he was arrested.

Profess Their Innocence

Judge Park questioned the Mansavages regarding their connection with the case, especially as to whether they believed in the doctrines Balcer preached and the reason they had for going on his bond. Both denied they believed in his anti-war doctrine, claiming they were interested in him only because they thought he was a harmless teacher of the bible, and said their reason for going on his bond was because he, as an acquaintance, had asked them to. Joseph Mansavage said, in addition, that he felt called upon to go on the bond because Balcer had conducted meetings at his house. "That was a pretty narrow escape for you two men," was the court's comment. "In the future you will probably be more careful as to whose bond you sign." Judge Park added, however, that he was satisfied that no accusations had even made made that the Mansavages were implicated in the crime for which Balcer was arrested.

Petitioner Poorly Posted

Fabich, after the point regarding the war records of his witnesses was settled, showed by answers to questions that he was woefully ignorant regarding the fundamentals of American government. "Who makes the laws?"

he was asked by Judge Park. "The senate, I think," was his reply in broken English. "Well, the senate has too much to do about it just now maybe," was the judge's comment. Asked who was president before Wilson, Fabich answered "Roosevelt."

"How far from a school do you live?" asked the court of Fabich. He answered that there was a school about a mile from his home, the teachers in which are Miss Baumach and Miss Klopotek. The court instructed him to arrange with these teachers to give instructions as to who makes the laws, about the constitution and other features of government and to report to the court again next May, without witnesses.

Ex-Soldiers Admitted

Among those admitted to citizenship were Frank Buskey of Stevens Point, a native of German Poland who served as a volunteer in the United States army in the Spanish-American war; Ignatz Kaczor of Junction City, a native of Austrian Poland and a veteran of overseas service in the war against Germany as a United States soldier; and Gunbold Severson of Scandinavia, a native of Norway and a former soldier in the United States army. From these ex-soldiers the mere establishment of their claims that they were honorably discharged from the military service was considered sufficient recommendation and they were permitted to take the oath without much further questioning.

Among the others, however, it was different. Mr. Danielson asked each of them questions tending to bring out their records during the war. "How many Liberty bonds did you buy?"

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Failure to Hold a Fair This Fall Costly to County Fair Association

The following petitioners were admitted to citizenship:

- Michael Glenn, Route 4, city, a native of Austria.
- Anton Gostomski, Plover, a native of Germany.
- William Arnold, Grant, a native of Germany.
- Wentyl Rybicki, Plover, a native of German Poland.
- Frank Buskey, city, a native of German Poland.
- Bernard Elisakowski, city, a native of Germany.
- John Karlinus Swenson, Amherst, a native of Norway.
- Ignatz Kaczor, Junction City, a native of Austrian Poland.
- Gunbold Severson, Scandinavia, a native of Norway.

The petitioners whose cases were continued follow: Stanislaw Rapinski, Route 3, city, a native of Russian Poland; told to get another witness in place of one who is not a citizen.

Joseph Janice, Route 4, city, a native of Hungary. This petitioner has moved to Chicago and failed to appear.

Mieczlaw Fabich, Stockton, a native of Russian Poland, told to "brush up" on government questions.

The petition of Frank Janiszewski, Route 6, city, was dismissed because he has failed to appear on two or three occasions when his petition was up for hearing.

GRAND RAPIDS TEACHERS ARE NEXT TO PETITION

Stating that their salaries at the present time are below the actual cost of their living expenses, and asking that they be advanced to a living wage, the grade teachers of the Grand Rapids public schools have petitioned the school board of that city for a wage boost. While the board will probably grant a raise at least to a number of the poorer paid teachers, it contends that sufficient finances are not available to make raises in all cases.

STOCKTON INSURANCE MEN HOLD MEETING IN CITY

The directors of the Stockton Town Insurance company held a meeting at the court house in Stevens Point Saturday to close the year's business of the company for the year in preparation for the annual meeting to be held here on January 6. The year 1919 has been very profitable from the standpoint of policy holders of the company, the assessment being kept down to two mills on the dollar.

PORT EDWARDS PLANS \$25,000 GYMNASIUM

Port Edwards will build in the near future, a community house at a cost of \$25,000. It will contain a gymnasium which will be equipped to handle many forms of athletics. The building will afford a gathering place for the people of the community, serving in a capacity similar to the Community club of Stevens Point. Work on the proposed building will be started soon.

AMHERST LOSES AID FORMER LOCAL MAN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

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A. R. Horn, Well Known in Stevens Point, Near Death According to Advice from Fond du Lac

A. R. Horn, former division superintendent of the Soo Line and well known in Stevens Point, is near death in Fond du Lac, according to a Fond du Lac newspaper.

Mr. Horn has been in a serious condition in St. Agnes' hospital in that city for the past month and was removed on Thursday evening to the home of his daughter, Mrs. George E. Luce, in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Luce arrived in Fond du Lac Wednesday and completed arrangements.

ments to remove her father over the Soo Line on a private car which had been placed at his disposal.

Mr. Horn was brought to Fond du Lac four weeks ago from Chicago, where he had been seriously ill for some time. He is widely known throughout the state.

URGES TAX LAW REPEAL TO REDUCE H. C. OF L.

Washington, D. C., December 13.—The repeal of the excess profits tax law was urged today by Wm. B. Culver of the federal trade commission as one means of forcing down the cost of living.

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